



CITY OF TUCSON



# WARD NOTIFICATION

**Tucson Fire Department**  
Fire Chief Randy Ogden

**Trish Tracy, Captain**  
**Public Information Office**  
**PIO Pager – (520) 410-1901**

Date: Monday, October 13, 2008

## **Ward 5 – House Fire – 4200 Block of E. Valentine Street**

Dispatch time – 1139  
On-scene time – 1146  
Under control - 1205

An arson fire destroyed a home yesterday causing \$150,000 worth of damage, injuring a 70-year-old woman, and killing 3 dogs. There were 29 dogs and 2 people inside the home when the fire started. Twenty-six of the dogs and both people escaped thanks to the assistance of a person nearby that noticed the fire. Tucson Fire Units arrived on scene, transported the female patient to the hospital, removed the remainder of the pets, and extinguished the fire in 19 minutes. Red Cross is assisting this family of 3 until repairs can be made. Pima Animal Control was on scene, investigated, and did not find any signs of animal abuse or neglect. Neighbors and family will be caring for the pets. Some of the Yorkshire Terriers are being put up for adoption.

**Safety Message:** Having a working smoke detector and an escape plan with two ways out of every room are extremely important. Another important thing to remember is to never ever go back in for anything. If someone is still inside the building think about information you can give the firefighters to help them rescue your loved one quicker.